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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 1894

DEPT FOR ARA - ASST SEC TODMAN; IO - DEP ASST SEC DALLEY

USUN FOR AMB MEZVINSKY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNHRC SHUM CI

SUBJ: MEZVINSKY VISIT TO SANTIAGO

REF: SANTIAGO 1167

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE
MARCH 16 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO SANTIAGO
BY AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY. CARVAJAL SAID A PRIOR ATTEMPT TO
GET AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY TO SANTIAGO DURING THE MEETING OF
THE 34TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA
FAILED DUE TO A SERIES OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS. TO AVOID A
REPETITION, CARVAJAL SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THIS
TIME THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS INVITING MEZVINSKY TO GET HIS
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VIEWS ON HOW THE IMPASSE BETWEEN CHILE AND THE AD HOC
WORKING GROUP COULD BE RESOLVED. HE SAID THAT HE AND
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES, WHO TALKED WITH MEZVINSKY
IN GENEVA, BELIEVED THAT MEZVINSKY COULD BE HELPFUL IN
GIVING THEM GOOD ADVICE. THE GOC WANTED TO COME TO
SOME BINDING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE AD
HOC WORKING GROUP TO DISCHARGE ITS MANDATE TO VISIT

CHILE AND MAKE A FINAL REPORT.

2. I REPLIED THAT I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THIS TIME THERE WAS A CLEARCUT INVITATION ON THE PART OF THE GOC FOR MEZVINSKY TO COME. I SAID THAT MEZVINSKY, IF HE AGREED TO COME, COULD, OF COURSE, NOT SPEAK FOR THE WORKING GROUP OR THE UN, BUT THAT I SHARED CARVAJAL'S VIEW THAT MEZVINSKY'S VISIT COULD BE HELPFUL TO THE GOC. I SUGGESTED THAT INASMUCH AS AMBASSADOR CAUAS HAD DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE MEZVINSKY VISIT EARLIER WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, HE REITERATED HIS INVITATION THROUGH THE SAME CHANNEL, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME I WOULD PASS THE GOC REQUEST DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: I BELIEVE A VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MEZVINSKY BELIEVES THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, WITHOUT ALLANA, WOULD STILL BE WILLING TO COME. HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN TO THE GOC THE FACTS OF LIFE AS SEEN FROM GENEVA AND NEW YORK, WHICH IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE GOC'S BASIC POSITION CONTAINED IN THEIR NOTE WHICH WAS FORWARDED IN REFTEL. IF MEZVINSKY DESIRES TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION, I WOULD HOPE HE WOULD STAY WITH ME.
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